FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Hearing for the subject property located at 7823-25 Old Harford Road near the Villa Cresta subdivision of Baltimore County. The Petitioner seeks relief pursuant to Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.J.R.), to permit a nonconforming use for four apartments within a D.R.b zone.

Appearing at the public hearing held for this case was the Petitionor property owner, Concetta Rivieri. Also appearing and testifying in support of the Petition was the property owner's husband, Giovanni Rivieri, and a tormer owner, Francis L. Swift. The Petitioner was represented by Edward Covahey, dr., Esquire. Appearing in opposition to the request were Richard Gunzelman and Rocky F. Venegas.

Testimony and evidence presented was that the subject site is approximately 1.5 acres in area and is zoned D.R.5.5. As noted above, the site adioins old Harford Road, not far from that roadway's intersection with Taylor Avenue. The property is improved by a two story framed residential ballding. The building is improved with two apartments on the first floor and two apartments on the second floor. The apartment use and floor plan is documented as Petitioner's Exhibit No. 3. That floor plan shows that the two first floor apartments both contain two bedrooms, a living room, a Kitchen and a bath. The second floor apartments, which are slightly smaller, each contain one bedroom, a living room, bath and kitchen.

Mr. Giovanni Rivieri testified that he and his wife acquired the property on January 2, 1973. Subsequently, he conveyed the property to his wife, solely, although he continues to manage the apartments. He testified that the four apartment units existed when the property was purchased in 1971. In the 23 years since that time, their use has continued and been uninterrupted. He also noted that each apartment has its own separate meter for utility usage; e.g., gas and electric, and each contains its own kitchen and bath facility. Mr. Rivieri testified that although he acquired the property with his wife in the early 1970s, he has been familiar with the site since approximately 1955. He testified that he once carpooled with a co-worker who lived in one of the apartments and frequently visited the premises as a social guest. As far back as his recollection in 1955, Mr. Rivieri testified that the property has been used to support four apartments. Moreover, he observed that as one views the construction, the water pipes and other features of the structure, it is clear that the building has always been intended to support four apartment units.

Also testifying was Francis Swift. Mr. Swift owned the property from 1965 thru 1973 when he sold the property to Mr. and Mrs. Rivieri. He corroborated Mr. Rivieri's testimony that the building was used to support four units continuously during his period of ownership.

Lastly, a notarized statement was received from George Langford, Jr. Langford was unable to attend the hearing because of his frail health and inclement weather. However, his signed statement indicates that the structure has existed since the 1930s and has been used to support four apartment units continuously since that time.

For their part, Messrs. Gunzelman and Venegas do not dispute the nonconforming use. However, they complain that the property is not kept

Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

which is presently sened DR 5.5

Whe do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that thee are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Patition.

for the property located at 7823-25 Old Harford Road

This Position shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undereigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached made a next hareof, hereby position for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing advertising, poeting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve a non-conforming use for four (4)

apartments within a DR 5.5 zoning classification.

up and that same detracts from the neighborhood. As I noted at the hearing, the sole issue before me is the nonconforming use. Nonetheless, the Petitioner was cautioned that, irrespective of my approval of the Petition, the property cannot be utilized so as to conduct a public nuisance and should be kept up.

Nonconforming use is defined within Section 101 of the B.C.Z.R. Therein, the term is defined as "A legal use that does not conform to a use regulation for the zone in which it is located, or to a special regulation applicable to such a use." Frequently, this definition is applied to uses which are now illegal due to the adoption of a prohibiting zoning regulation in the B.C.Z.R. Designation of a particular use as a nonconforming use legitimizes same under the grandfathering provisions of the B.C.Z.R.

Moreover, the application of nonconforming uses is governed by Section 104.1 of the B.C.Z.R. Therein, it is provided that a nonconforming use may continue unless same is changed or abandoned for a period of one

Applying these regulations to the case at bar, it is clear that the use is not permitted in a D.R.5.5 zone. Thus, the Petitioner bears the burden of adducing testimony that the use existed prior to the adoption of the B.C.Z.R. in 1945. In this respect, the evidence and testimony offered was clear and uncontradicted. It was conclusively proven that the use of this subject structure to support four apartment units since the 1930s are well prior to the adoption of the first zoning code in Baltimore County. Moreover, the testimony and evidence presented was uncontradicted that the said use has continued uninterruptedly and unchanged since that time. Therefore, the Petition for Special Hearing and requesting designation of the use as legitimate and nonconforming must and should be granted.

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Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this day of January 1994, that, pursuant to the Petition for Special Hearing, approval to permit a nonconforming use for four apartments within a D.R.5 zone, under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.), be and is hereby GRANTED subject, however, to the following restriction which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioner is hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at her own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired.

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

LES/mmn

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

January 24, 1994

Edward C. Covahey, Jr., Esquire 614 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Case No. 94-241-SPH Petition for Special Hearing Property: 7823-25 Old Harford Road Concetta Rivieri, Petitioner

Dear Mr. Covahey:

Enclosed please find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Special Hearing has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

LES:mmn

cc: Mr. and Mrs. Giovanni Rivieri cc: Mr. Richard Gunzelman

cc: Mr. Rocky F. Venegas

Concetta Rivieri

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(Type or Print Name)

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY TO ACCOMPANY PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING 7823-7825 OLD HARFORD ROAD 9TH ELECTION DISTRICT, BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD.

94.241-5PH

Nexander P. Ralych, Prof. L.S. Paul K. Francie, P.E. Paul A. Relych, Prop. L.S.

BEGINNING FOR THE SAME AT A POINT on the Southeasterly side of Old Harford Road at the distance of South 21 degrees 12 minutes 36 seconds east - 151.13 feet from the corner formed by the intersection of said Southwesterly side of Old Harford Road with the Southwesterly side of Linwood Ave; thence leaving Old Harford Road and running South 58 degrees 36 minutes 17 seconds East - 180.50 feet; thence South 21 degrees 12 minutes 36 seconds West - 63.44 feet and thence North 58 degrees 36 minutes 17 seconds West - 180.50 feet to intersect said Southeasterly side of Old Harford Road; thence binding thereon North 21 degrees 12 minutes 36 seconds East - 63.44 feet to the point of beginning.

November 3, 1993 ohr.des

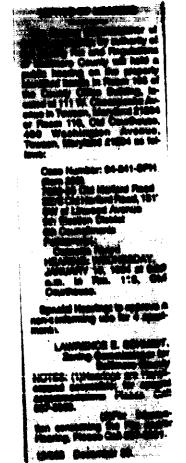


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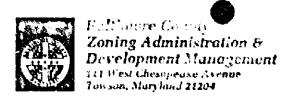
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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION



TOWSON, MD., Dec. 30, 1993 THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of ____ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on Dec 30, 1983

THE JEFFERSONIAN.



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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

94-241-5814 (410) 887-3353

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

- 1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

For newspaper advertising: Item No.: 139 Petitioner: Conce Ha Rivier Mocation: 1823-7825 Old Har Ford Rd PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO: Towson, MB 21030, 21204 PHONE NUMBER: (410)666-1472

(Revised 04/09/93)

410-666-1472

TO: PUTUXENT PUBLISHING COMPANY

Please foward billing to:

Bruce E. Covebey

Pecember 30, 1993 Issue - Jeffersonian

614 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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Special Hearing to approve a non-conforming use for 4 apartments.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, PLEASE CALL 887-3391.

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

DECEMBER 22, 1993

(410) 887-3353

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co: Concetta Rivieri Edward C. Covahey, Jr., Esq. Chris Booth

NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE. (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.

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"TTT West Chesapeake Avenue

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The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to Indicate the appropriateness of The zoning action requested, but to amound that all partium, 1.0., wouldn't commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at a pediting the petition filing process

1. The director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with off supports of the moning regulations and petitions filing requirements can like their petilions with their office without

January 10, 1994

Johnney Country, As , Require 614 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

> RE: Case No. 94-241-SPH, Item No. 239 - Palitioner - Competia Piviori Polition for Special Hearing

Dear Mr. Covahey:

comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on December 9, 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

the necessity of a preliminary review by zoning personnel.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: December 27, 1993 Loning Administration and Development Management

FROM Robert W. Bowling, Senior Engineer bevelopers Engineering Section

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for December 27, 1993 Item No. 239

The Developers Engineering Section has reviewed the subject zoning item. Adequate onsite parking should be provided.

RWB:s

State Highway Administration

Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

12-20-93

O. James Lighthizer

Ms. Charlotte Minton Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Re: Baltimore County
Item No.: +239 (JLL)

Dear Ms. Minton:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration project.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions. Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

My telephone number is _____ Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free Mailing Address: P.O. Box 717 • Baltimore, MD 21203-0717 Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202 · 94-241-574 1/19

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration and Development Management

DATE: September 22, 1993

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s): Items No. 226, 227, 238, 234, 237, 238, 239, 240, 242, and 244

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

PK/JL:1w

ZAC.226/PZONE/ZAC1

Baltimore County Government Fire Department

700 Fast Joppa Road, Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286 5500

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Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

RE: Property Owner: CONCETTA RIVIERI

LOCATION: SE S OLD HARFORD RD., 151'SW OF LINWOOD AVE. (1813 25 OLD HARFORD RD.)

Coming Agenda: SPECIAL HEARING Item No.: 239 (JEL)

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1991 edition prior to occupancy.

MCAS

REVIEWER: LI, ROBERT F. SAUERWALD Fire Frevention, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

ca: File

Baltimore County Zoning Administration & Development Management

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE 94-24-5PH

Larry E. Schmidt DATE: December 15, 1993

Zoning Commissioner

James H. Thompson - TF Zoning Enforcement Coordinator

SUBJECT: ITEM NO.: PETITIONER:

Concetta Rivieri VIOLATION CASE NO.:

C-93-2785 LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 7823-25 Old Harford Road

Baltimore, Maryland 21234 9th Election District

DEFENDANTS: Concetta Rivieri

Please be advised that the aforementioned petition is the subject of an active violation case. When the petition is scheduled for a public hearing, please notify the following person(s):

11201 Sherdale Drive

Kingsville, Maryland 21087

NAME

Chris Booth

7827 Old Harford Road Baltimore, Maryland 21234

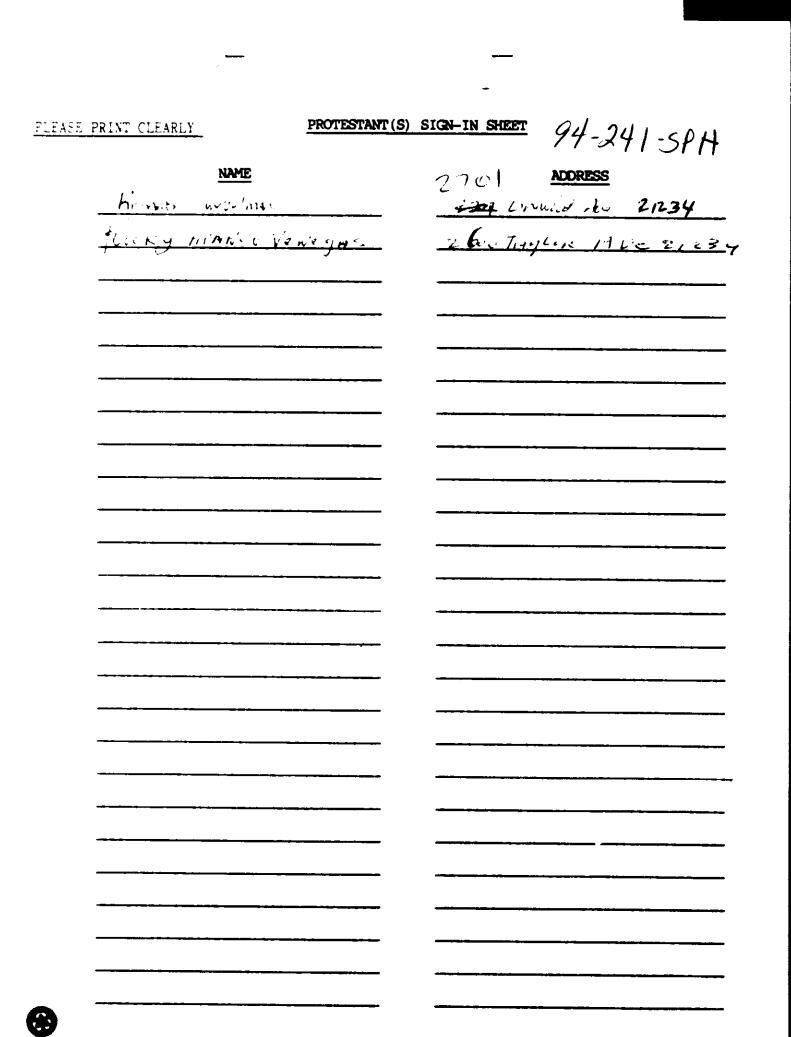
After the public hearing is held, please send a copy of the Zoning Commissioner's Order to the Zoning Enforcement Coordinator, so that the appropriate action may be taken relative to the violation case.

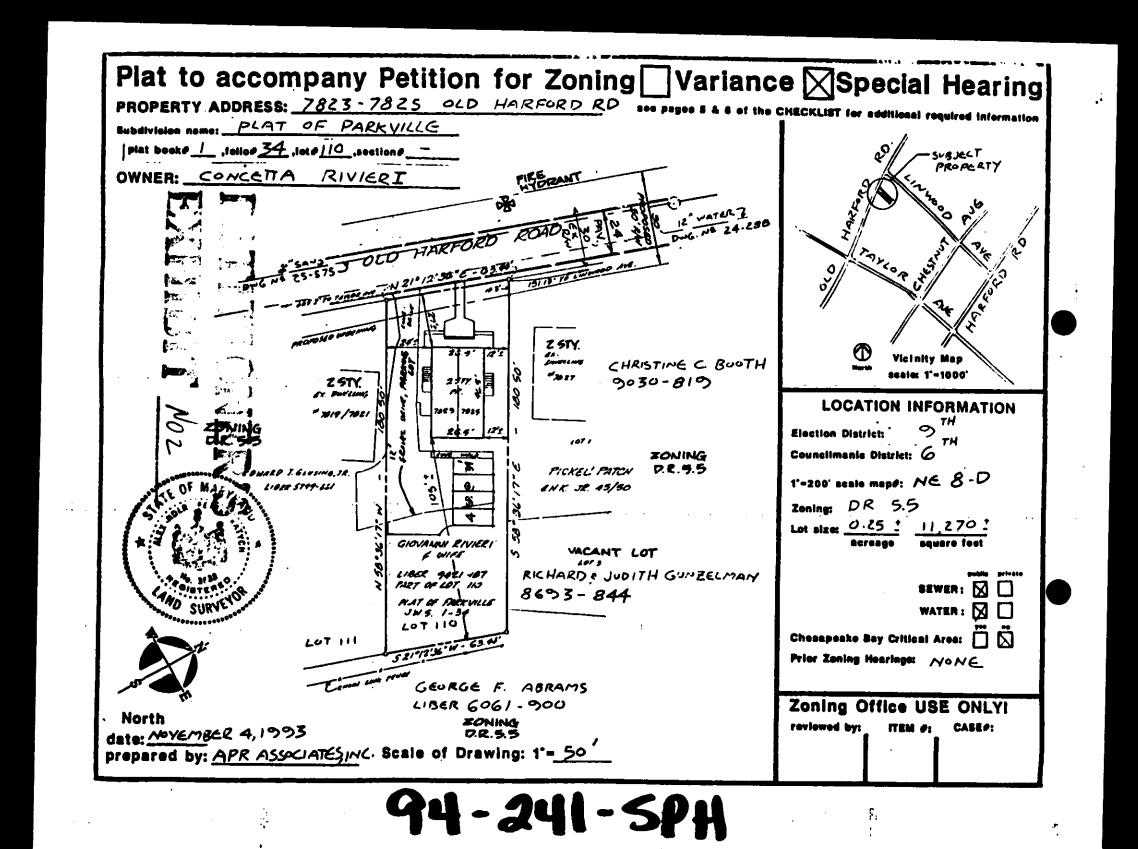
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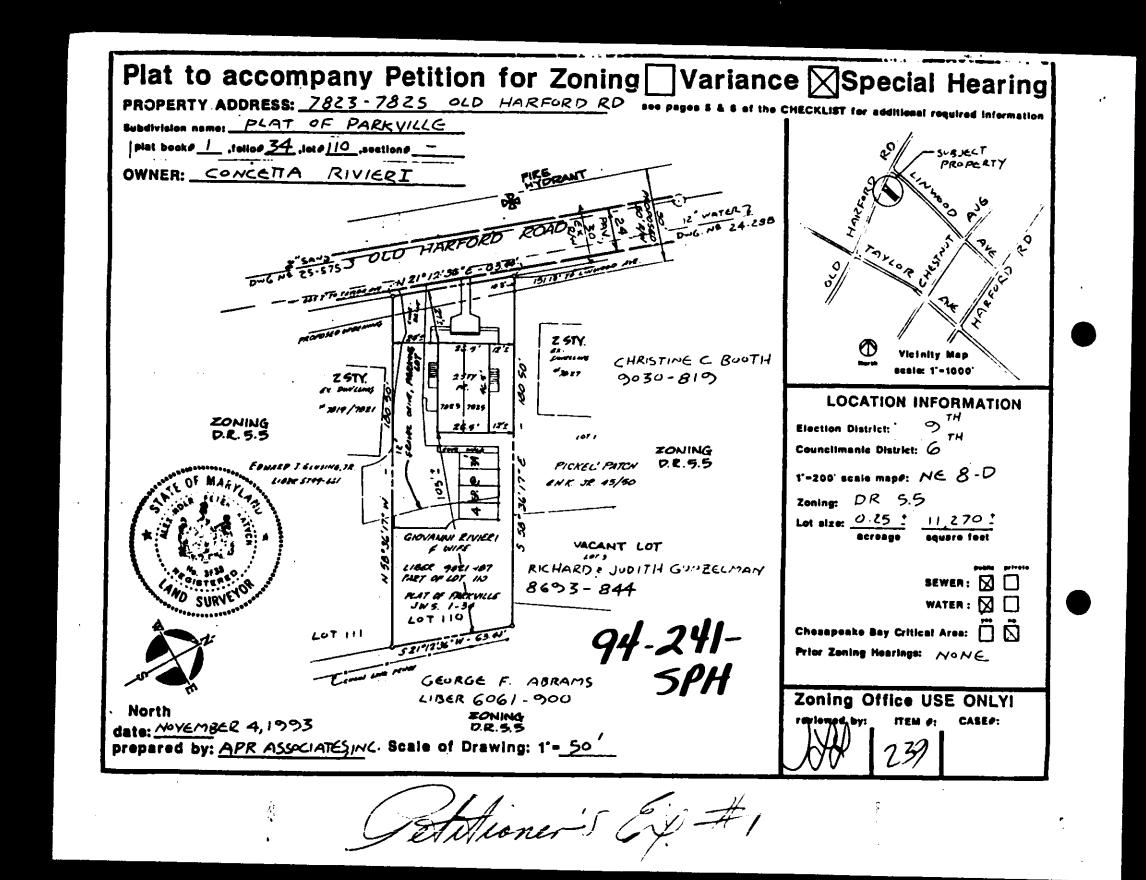
IN RE: PETITION FOR * BEFORE THE * ZONING COMMISSIONER CONCETTA RIVIERI * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY * Case No. 94-241-SPM SUBPOENA GEORGE LANKFORD 2501 E. Joppa Road Baltimore, Maryland 21234 You are hereby summoned and commanded to be and appear personally before the Zoning Commissioner/Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore Towson, Haryland 21204 on the 19 day of January 1994, regarding the above captioned case, for the purpose of testifying at the request of the Petitioner. 614 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 828-9441 Attorney for Petitioner Mr. Sheriff/Private Process Server: Please process in accordance with Zoning Commissioner's Rule IV(c). Zoning Commissioner/Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County Issued:

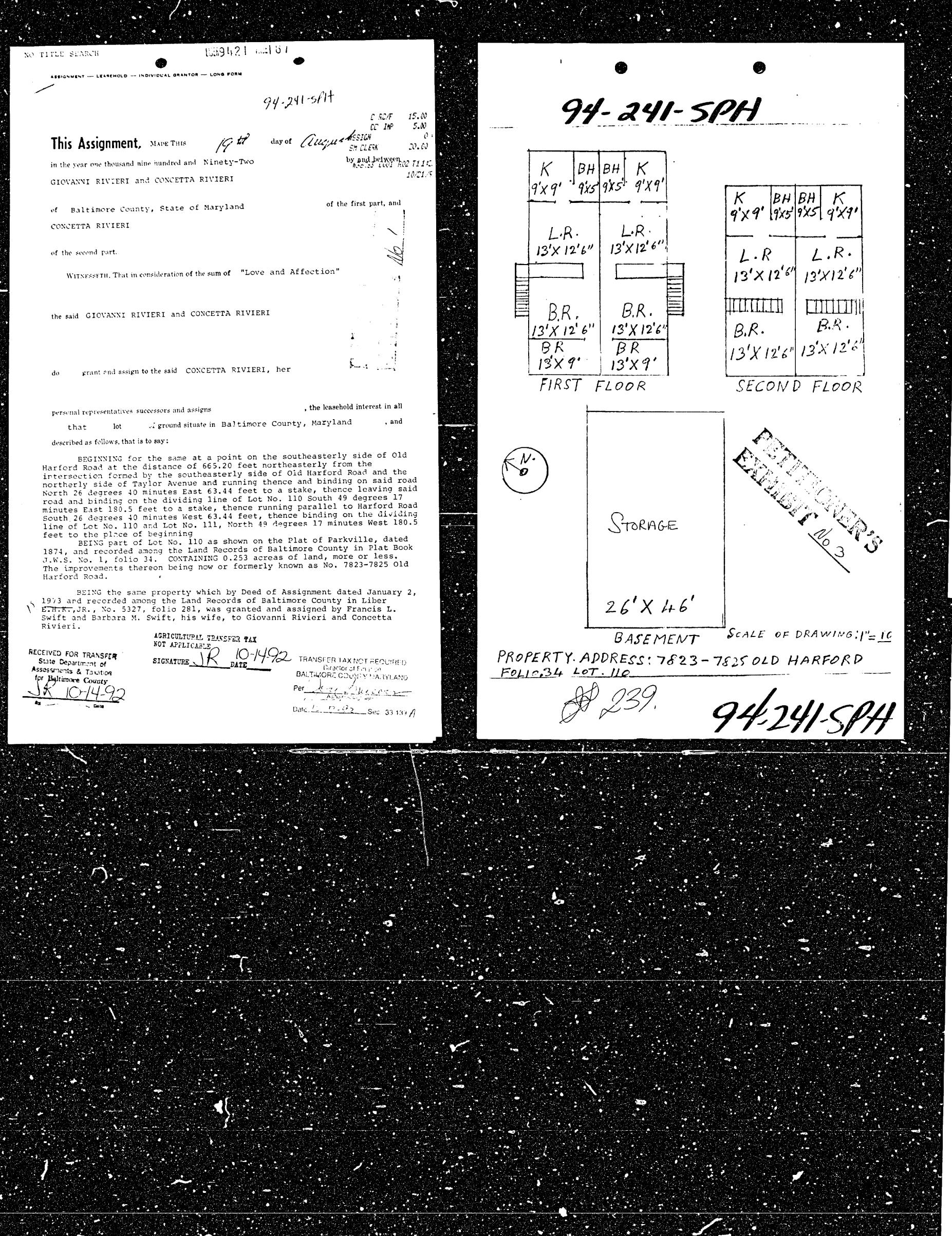
IN RE: PETITION FOR * BEFORE THE CONCETTA RIVIERI * ZONING COMMISSIONER . OF BALTIMORE COUNTY * Case No. 94-241-SPE SUBPOENA FRANCIS L. SWIFT 6718 Glenkirk Road Baltimore, Maryland 21239 You are hereby summoned and commanded to be and appear personally before the Zoning Commissioner/Deputy Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in Room 118, 01d Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 and to bring ____ on the 19 day of January 1994, regarding the above captioned case, for the purpose of testifying at the request of the Petitioner. EDWARD C. COVAREY, JR. 614 Bosley Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 828-9441 Attorney for Petitioner Mr. Sheriff/Private Process Server: Please process in accordance with Zoning Commissioner's Rule IV(c). Zoning Commissioner/Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County Issued:____

Giram River 11201 SHERADALE DA. Concetta Rivieri FRANCIS L SWIFT 67/8 GLENKIRK RD-









94-241-5PH STATE OF MARYLAND, COUNTY OF BALTIMORE, to wit:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 18th day of January, 1994, before me, a notary public in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared GEORGE LANKFORD, JR., who made oath in due form of law as follows:

I reside at 2501 E. Joppa Road, Faltimore County, Maryland 21234. I have been a resident of Baltimore County my entire life and have received a subpoena to appear as a witness on January 19, 1994 with respect to the Zoning Special Hearing for the real estate at 7823-7825 Old Harford Road. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the hearing on the advice of my cardiologist as I am 77 years of age and I am suffering from unstable angina, emphysema, and a prostate tumor.

I have been familiar with the property at 7823-7825 Old Harford Road since the early 1930s, and at that time, this property was divided into four separate apartment units. In the early 1950s, I had occasion to collect the rents for a period of two years from the four tenants that were in the property, and pursuant to an agreement with the then owner, I retained a portion of these rents in satisfaction of a debt owed me by the owner's son, Jessie Howard, Jr. This building was built by Jessie Howard, Sr., and at the time it was built, it contained four apartment units, and since I first became familiar with it in the early 1930s, it has continuously contained four separate apartment units.

EXITER'S GEORGE LANKFORD JR.

Subscribed to before me the date and year first above.

NOTARY PUBLIC TO TOTAL

My commission expires:

6-1-96

